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International Application No

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**C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT**

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 2002/140419 A1 (DURET DENIS) 3 October 2002 (2002-10-03)	1
Y	abstract  page 1, right-hand column, paragraph 9 - paragraph 21 page 2, left-hand column, paragraph 32 - paragraph 33 page 4, right-hand column, paragraph 79 figure 1	1-4, 6, 11, 18, 19
X	GB 1 257 692 A (DEREK WAINE WHITEHEAD) 22 December 1971 (1971-12-22) page 1, line 25 - page 1, line 50 page 1, line 78 - page 2, line 60 figures 1-3	1
Y	US 6 134 420 A (FLOWERDEW PETER M ET AL) 17 October 2000 (2000-10-17) abstract column 1, line 66 - column 3, line 16 column 5, line 24 - line 49 column 16, line 40 - column 17, line 22 column 18, line 28 - line 67; figure 22	1-4, 6, 11, 18, 19
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A	DE 37 19 179 C (GOETTING KG) 15 December 1988 (1988-12-15) abstract claim 1 column 2, line 50 - column 3, line 1 figures 1-3	1,18
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A	GB 2 311 190 A (CENTRAL RESEARCH LAB LTD) 17 September 1997 (1997-09-17) page 1, line 26 - page 2, line 2 page 2, line 10 - line 16 page 2, line 24 - line 32 page 8, line 17 - line 33 figure 5	1,18

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-25

Radio frequency tunable receiver for use in a proximity detecting system, capable of modifying the frequency of the received signals which are in the range between 100 kHz and 10 MHz. The receiver comprises at least one antenna coil for receiving signals. The antenna coils are perpendicular to each other and are selected sequentially. The distance between transmitter and receiver is calculated based on the received signal strength.

2. claims: 26-37

Frequency radio transmitter for use in a proximity detection system and being operable to selectively transmit signals at plurality of different frequencies and comprising an antenna circuit having a variable impedance and a frequency bandwidth associated therewith.

It is therefore considered, that the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3 PCT).

II - Reasons for lack of unity

The only technical features in common to both groups are:

1) Use of different frequencies for communication in a proximity detection system.

This technical feature is known in the prior art (see US2002/0140419). It is shown in the abstract; page 1, paragraphs 9 to 21; page 2, paragraphs 32 and 33; page 4, paragraph 79 and figures 1 and 2.

The special technical features according to Rule 13.2 PCT are the following:

Group I:

- receiver comprising one or more antenna coils perpendicular to each other.
- receiver frequency range being between 100 kHz and 10 MHz.
- calculation of distance between transmitter and receiver based on measurements of signal strength received by each antenna.

Group II:

- transmitter comprising a variable impedance and frequency

bandwidth associated.

- transmitter capable of changing transmission frequency.

These features are not the same nor are they corresponding, because they solve different objective problems, namely:

Group I: Determining the distance between a transmitter and a receiver from signal strength measurements taken at a plurality of perpendicular coil antennas at the receiver.

Group II: Providing a transmitter capable of transmitting at a plurality of frequencies.

Therefore the requirement of Rule 13.2 PCT is not fulfilled for these groups of claims. Hence, Rule 13.1 PCT is not satisfied and the subject-matter of the two groups of claims are not linked by a single inventive concept.

Finally applicants attention is drawn to the following. This objection has been made on the assumption that it is his/her intention to draft independent claims related to the different groups of inventions defined above, that is to say on the assumption that claims 26 to 37 are not directly linked to the first group of inventions.

However, if they are made dependent on the first subject the requirements of unity of invention are fulfilled and the search can be considered to have been completed.

**Patent Family Annex**

Information on patent family members

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